

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 1200

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR CSCE PARM  
SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM PROPOSAL

REF: PRAGUE 0551 021515Z MAR 77 NOTAL

1. WE WELCOME PRAGUE'S IMAGINATIVE SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES STUDY A POSSIBLE NEW CBM PROPOSAL FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTED AREAS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND:  
--IF WE ARE TO MAKE SUCH A CBM PROPOSAL, IT SHOULD BE INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AT NATO PROMPTLY SINCE ALLIED PREPARATIONS ARE MOVING INTO HIGH GEAR (SEPTTEL):  
--SUCH A PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT IMPLY A REOPENING OF THE TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FINAL ACT. IN THIS REGARD, WE BELIEVE THAT A "RESTRICTED AREAS" PROPOSAL COULD BE PRESENTED UNDER THE CBMS SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH REFERS TO "FURTHER EFFORTS" THAT "COULD LEAD TO DEVELOPING AND ENLARGING MEASURES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE";  
--IN VIEW OF MOSCOW'S APPARENT COOLNESS TOWARD EXPANSION OF CBMS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET REACTION TO A WESTERN PROPOSAL OF THIS SIGNIFICANCE WOULD BE NEGATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE WE EXPECT

SOVIET INITIATIVES AT BELGRADE IN THE SECURITY FIELD,  
A "RESTRICTED AREAS" CBM PROPOSAL  
COULD HAVE SOME USEFUL TACTICAL ADVANTAGES VIS-A-VIS  
THE SOVIETS IF USED BY THE WEST AT THE PROPER TIME. MOREOVER  
SUCH AN INITIATIVE MIGHT DEMONSTRATE TO THE NEUTRAL/  
NON-AIGNED PARTICIPANTS--AS WELL AS TO WESTERN  
PUBLIC OPINION--ALLIED INTEREST IN FURTHER MILITARY CONFIDENCE  
BUKLDING.

2. ACTION REQUEST: PRELIMINARY WASHINGTON GUIDANCE,  
IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR MARCH 18 POLADS MEET-  
ING ON CBMS.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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